in the country including the following six Suverillance Centres established in Tamil Nadu :—

(1) Christian Medical College, Vellore.

(2) Appolo Hospital, Madras.

(3) Institute of Child Health, Madras.

(4) Madras Medical College, Madras.

(5) Tuberculosis Research Centre, Madras.

(6) Madurai Medical College, Madurai.

Price decontrol of Rehydration Salt

3144. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had recommended for price decontrol of Rehydration Salt needed for Dehydration programme ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that dehydration is one of the National Health Programme.

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are purchasing Oral Rehydration Salt ;

(d) whether it is a also a fact that the Department of Chimicals have exlcluded this salt from price control ;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether this Rehydration programme has also been deleted from the National Health Programme; if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) This Ministry has not recommended for price decontrol of Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS).

(b) and (f) Dehydration is not a National Health Programme, However, Management of Diarrhoeal Diseases among children through promotion of or Oral Rehydration Therapy is a National Programme.

(c) The Central Government is providing funds to the States/U.Ts for purchase of Oral Rehydration Salts (World Health Organisation recommanded formulas).

(d) and (e) The Department of Chimicals and Petrochemicals however, deleted Oral Rehydration Salts from the amended Drugs Prices Control Order in January, 1989 on the ground that Oral Rehydration Salt is not a single bulk drug but it is a combination of a number of inorganic salts and destrease. The Category I list consists of singly bulk drug for the purpose of price control with M.A.P.E. (Maximum Allowable Post manufacturing Expenses) of 75%.

Job reservation policy in Defence Organisations

3145. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the job reservation policy of Government is fully implemented in the Defence Accounts Deptts. Coast Guard Organisation, Bharat Earth Movers Limited, and Defence Research and Development Organisation ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The instructions of the Government regarding reservation of vacancies for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Ex-Servicemen and Physically handicapped persons are applicable to these organisations and are being implemented by them.

(c) Does not arise.

Rules regarding study leave to Central Secretariat Employees

3146. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules regarding study leave to Central Government employees;

(b) the number of employees who were granted study leave during the last three years, yearwise ; and

(c) the number of applications in this regard which were turned down during the above period along with the reasons therefor.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The provisions regarding the grant of study leave to Central Government employees are incorporated in the Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1972.

(b) and (c) Under the rules, study leave can be granted subject to fulfilment of the prescribed conditions by the Ministry/Department concerned. Hence the information is not centrally monitored.

Unani dispensaries under CGHS

3147. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of Unani dispensaries under the CGHS is very less as compared to other types of CGHS dispensaries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the CGHS beneficiaries have to travel long distances to avail Unani facilities in CGHS dispensaries; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to open more Unani dispensaries in the Capital under the CGHS ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (c) Yes Sir. At present one Unani dispensary and two units are functioning under CGHS Delhi. One more Unani unit has been sanctioned and will be opened in South Avenue on availability of suitable accommodation.

Food Irradiation

3148. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the World-wide controversy on dangers from food irradiation, which has led to boycott of super